

FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2010

Puyallup, WA

Board members present: Ms. Pati Otley, Chair, Mr. Cliff Benson, Mr. Terry Finn, Mr. Dave Gossett, Mr. Brian Ziegler, Ms. Paula Hammond, Mr. Steve Holtgeerts, Mr. Larry Paulson, Ms. Rebecca Francik, Mr. Dave Edler, and Mr. Brock Nelson.

WELCOME: Chair Pati Otley opened the meeting with welcoming comments and introductions.

MINUTES: Mr. Brian Ziegler moved and Mr. Dave Gossett seconded the motion to adopt the January 22, 2009 minutes as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

FMSIB BUDGET: Director Karen Schmidt reviewed the current operating and capital budget summary pages and the Union Pacific account.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director discussed the consolidation issue and the JTC interim study on the small transportation agencies included in the Transportation budget. FMSIB will be working with JTC, TIB, CRAB and WSDOT-HLP during this study.

Chair Otley introduced guests Ms. Kay Turner, City of Puyallup Mayor, and Mr. Gary McLean, City of Puyallup City Manager. Ms. Turner addressed the Board discussing issues of importance to the cities including the consolidation of the small transportation agencies.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Washington D.C. Trip – Chair Otley discussed the results of FMSIB trip to Washington, D.C. by Mr. Ziegler, Mr. Paulson, Director Schmidt and herself on March 2. Chair Otley and Mr. Ziegler both expressed the benefits of meeting with the Washington State Congressional delegation.

PSRC - Mr. Cliff Benson reported on the progress of the 2040 Transportation Plan; and discussed his presentation at his Rotary Group where he showed the FMSIB CD initiating discussion within the group.

WSDOT Brochure – Ms. Paula Hammond introduced the new WSDOT brochure on freight infrastructure. Ms. Hammond reviewed the federal funding of approximately \$500 million for rail.

Granite Falls Project - Mr. Dave Gossett updated the Board on the Granite Falls roundabout issue. The County after testing the roundabout has prepared a change order on the configuration of the roundabout.

BNSF Third Track Issue - Mr. Finn discussed a proposal by Director Schmidt for a third BNSF track instead of the original shoofly proposal in the Strander Project. The timeframe needs to meet the timeline of both BNSF needs and FMSIB needs. Director Schmidt discussed potential issues with the project.

ARGO Project - Mr. Brock Nelson updated the Board on the new alignment, real estate needs, and scheduled meetings for the week of March 22nd on the ARGO project.

Legislative Activities - Mr. Benson reported on the JTC consolidation study with the focus of informing new legislators on the functions of the smaller transportation agencies. He updated the Board on the legislation dealing with staff furlough days; and the freeze on new personal service contracts, out of state travel, and salaries. He discussed the state planning goals.

UNION PACIFIC FUNDS: Mr. Ziegler recapped the issues on the UP account with 3 of the 6 projects being completed, 2 under construction and one deferred. The issues for the Board to decide at today's meeting are the \$500,000 from the 8th Street deferred project; the \$170,000; and the interest being accrued.

Brock Nelson, UP Representative, reported that UP is hopeful that the two Kent projects progress, if not, we are back to the same situation we have now with surplus funds.

Mr. Ziegler moved and Mr. Gossett seconded the motion that, since the 8th Street Union Pacific Grade Separation Project in Pacific, WA has been deferred indefinitely, we return the original \$500,000 contribution to the Union Pacific Railroad.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Ziegler moved and Mr. Gossett seconded a motion to use the \$170,000 savings and the \$980,000 plus interest of the Union Pacific Railroad contribution be dedicated to the 228th Street/Union Pacific grade separation project in Kent, WA.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Ziegler explained the 3rd and last issue for Board consideration is the two Kent projects. If the city of Kent will make a commitment to keep advancing these projects so the Board would not make a decision until after the Kent City Council has met in April. At the May Board meeting, it would be proposed that we make a decision on the disposition of the UP funds in the amount of \$650,000 for 212th Street and \$500, 000 for Willis Street.

Mr. Ziegler moved and Mr. Gossett seconded the motion that the FMSIB decision concerning the UP funds being held for 212th and Willis St in Kent be deferred until the May Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

PORT OF TACOMA ROAD – Mr. Russ Blount, City of Fife Public Works Director, and Jilma Jimenez, P.E. BergerABAM, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the revised concept for the Port of Tacoma Road project. Mr. Blount requested FMSIB approval on the construction schedule sliding out into 2012-2013. This new concept addresses issues on both sides on I-5. Ms. Laszlo explained the details of the concept changes as a more efficient use of the facilities.

Mr. Ziegler moved and Mr. Dave Edler seconded a motion that the new alignment for the FMSIB Project #64 is acceptable and funding remain the same. Mr. Ziegler amended the motion to state that the Board finds the new design for the POT ramp, FMSIB Project #64, is an improved version of the original design, and the Board feels the new alignment is an acceptable change to the project scope. Mr. Gossett seconded the amended motion.

MOTION CARRIED

PORT OF TACOMA – Mr. Sean Eagen of the Port of Tacoma updated the Board on the progress on the Lincoln Avenue Project. He spoke on the TATS progress and recapped the initial meeting to coordinate all the potential projects in the Tideflats area. He explained the projected schedule for the RFP that was publish this month with selection to be completed in five weeks and the study completed in five months.

CALL FOR PROJECTS: Mr. Ziegler discussed the suggested changes to the application form to reflect the feedback that we have been hearing from applicants, the feedback we have been hearing from our technical committee and the feedback from the Board to narrow the focus to the freight benefits of these projects. Mr. Ziegler recapped the changes that were made last year for the 2009 Call for Projects. Mr. Ziegler credited Mr. Jeff Monsen of CRAB for the changes proposed on the application form.

Mr. Ziegler moved and Mr. Gossett and Mr. Paulson seconded the motion that the Board adopts the revisions to the FMSIB application submitted and described today to be used in the 2010 Call for Projects.

MOTION CARRIED

FUTURE MEETINGS: Chair Otley opened discussion on the September 17 meeting approved for Walla Walla, WA. Director Schmidt discussed the transportation issues into Walla Walla and the Board's schedule. The Director discussed a location at Friday Harbor, WA and the logistics of getting to the meeting. Mr. Gossett moved and Mr. Ziegler seconded the motion to move the September 17 meeting to Friday Harbor, WA.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Dave Edler moved and Mr. Paulson seconded the motion that the next FMSIB Board meeting be held in Spokane on May 21, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:10 PM

Pati Otley
Chair

Attest: Karen Schmidt
Executive Director

